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# THE OBSERVATOR.

Roger's *Motives for turning High Churchman. His Account of the Legions that are to Vote for them at the next Elections.*

From Saturday, September 16. to Wednesday, September 20. 1710.

*Obſ.* I Find, *Roger*, thou haſt got a great way into the Art of making Proſelytes to the *St. Germains* and High-Church Faction. I want to have ſome more Diſcourſe with you on that Head; if thou canſt make me a Convert, I fancy 'twill be for my Advantage.

*Countrym.* Ay, Maſter, we Revolution-Folks ought to be beg'd for Fools inſtead of writing in Defence of the Revolution, and the Lawfulneſs of reſiſting Tyrants. Had we condemn'd it as a Rebellion, and ſap'd the foundation of the Queen's Title, and that of the Houſe of *Hanover*; had we damn'd the Toleration-Act, and told the World boldly in Print, *That her Majeſty and the Parliament deſerv'd a double Load of Damnation for countenancing it*; we might have been great Men by this time. The Nonjurant and Popiſh Mobs would have riſen in Rebellion to ſupport us; we ſhould have had Hogſheads of *French* Claret to booze on inſtead of a little ſtale *October*; we ſhould have been carry'd in Proceſſion thro the Country with Streamers, Flags, Drums and Trumpets; we ſhould have promoted the Hempen Trade by wearing out the Bellropes, had Droves of Non-Reſiſtance Ladies to attend us at our Inns and Bedchambers: We ſhould have had Addreſſes in our favour to inſult Queen and Parliament, Archbiſhops and Biſhops, Miniſters of State and Privy Counſellors, Generals and Admirals, Emperors, Kings and Republicks: We might have been careſs'd by Nonjurant and *de-facto* Lords and Gentlemen, have had Showers of Gold fall into our Laps like ſo many *Danaes*, and have pour'd them out again into the Boſoms of *Dalilahs*. Nay, we might have had both Law and Goſpel preſs'd into our Service; the Apoſtles muſt have attended us as Lackeys, and Biſhops and their Clergy muſt have congratulated the Addreſſes made in defence of us: In ſhort, we might have been on the higheſt Pinacles of Church and State, and not creeping about on Crutches. I believe, Maſter, my *Dick* and *Bobb* might have had Benefices confer'd upon them by *Patrons, who tore the publick News in a Rage, when they heard that the Pretender's Invaſion miſcarry'd.* We might have been ador'd for drinking the Pretender's Health, for writing againſt the Queen's Title, and the *Hanover* Succeſſion, the Miniſtry and the Revolution, and for being ſo much *Volpones*, as to ſwear the contrary when call'd in queſtion. What tho the honeſt *Jacks*, in whoſe Company we had done ſo, ſhould have call'd us Knaves for denying it, the honeſter *de-facto* Men would have careſs'd us, *Neſcit Sacheverellizare, qui neſcit diſſimulare.*

*Obſ.* Hold, hold, *Roger*; ſince you are for Ends of Latin, I have one for you:

——*Tolluntur in al-*
*Ut lapſu graviore ruant——* ...*um,*

Which in our Mo[illegible]

[illegible]ther Tongue ſignifies,

——*And Knaves are lifted up on high,*
*That they may have the greater Fall, and periſh by and by.*

*Countrym.* You may talk of falling as you pleaſe, Maſter, I think they always fall on their Feet. Your Rhime ſmells of the Age of *Sternhold* and *Hopkins*; the Poets are more refin'd ſince, and ſo are the Times: *Old Songs yield no Mony.* You Whigs ſhall know it to your Coſt, when the *Examiner* brings the King of *Sweden* from *Bender*. That Prince's Heart, he ſays, is ſo intirely *Swediſh*, that he can't endure to be confin'd among *Turks* and *Tartars*; you'l quickly hear of his Return. He has lately ſent off a redoubted Knight by Poſt to make way for him, and provide all things againſt he comes home.

*Obſ.* Well, *Roger*, I perceive thou art full freighted with Hopes; what is it that makes thee ſo uppiſh and confident in thy new Party?

*Countrym.* Becauſe every body's for them, Maſter; we have been counting Noſes, and I can tell you we ſhall have whole Legions of Votes for us at next Elections. 1. We have all the Papiſts and Nonjurants as round as a hoop. They are making a mighty Pother in *North-Britain* to chuſe ſtanch Lords and Commons, that *will aſſert Non-Reſiſtance and Hereditary Right, and ſend all the Low Churchmen and Diſſenters to keep Company with the Devil and his Angels, in the Lake that burns with Fire and Brimſtone. Greenſhields*, who broke Priſon at *Edinburgh*, is to come along with them to be their Chaplain, and to preach for *Sacheverel* till his three Years be out; and then he is to learn *Welſh* and be his Curate, to preach to thoſe *Carnarvanſhire* Juſtices, who *don't underſtand* Engliſh; to confirm the reſt of the *Welſh* Gentlemen in their wiſe Politicks, of neither *Buying nor Selling with Diſſenters*; to write Apologies for the Men of *Shrewsbury*, who ſay they were miſrepreſented by two noble Earls and ſome Gentlemen; and to give his Bleſſing to the Inhabitants of *Wrexham*, for burning Dr. *Burgeſs*, Mr. *Hoadly*, &c. in Effigy. 2. Maſter, we are ſure of all the Votes of thoſe who attended *Sacheverel* in his Parades to and from *Weſtminſter-Hall*, who burnt the Meeting-Houſes, and who inſulted the Lords and Commons. They all ſwore on Dr. *Burgeſs*'s Bible before they burnt it, that they would not vote for ſuch an Antimonarchical Man as General *Stanhope*. 3. We are alſo ſure of all the Votes that *Damaree, Purchaſe*, and their Friends can make; and we need not doubt of the Lord *Gr*——*n*'s Intereſt, nor of theirs who would have mur[illegible]er'd *Sutherland*, the *Scotch* Serjeant that [illegible] ...ipers'd *Sacheverel*'s Mob. 4. We [illegible] are ſure of all thoſe who made Illuminations in the City upon *Sacheverel*'s being acquitted, as they call'd it, that the Mob might have ſeen their way to pull down the Bank, which her Majeſty's Guards prevented ſome nights before. 5. We are alſo ſure of all the Intereſt that thoſe People can make, who are for having the Friends of Aſſaſſins

Aſſaſſins and Invaders promoted to wear Scarlet Gowns; and if Bread and Cheeſe, Coals and Clocks can do any thing, they ſhan't be wanting, tho we ſhould hire a great Horſe to carry them. 6. We are likewiſe ſure of the Votes of all thoſe who are for making the Common Council of the City act contrary to the Common Council of the Nation. 7. We ſhall not want one of thoſe who were on the Juries of the Lord *Ruſſel*, Col. *Sidney*, and Alderman *Corniſh*; that ſurrender'd the City-Charter, treated the Nuncio at *Guildhall*, and were for Count *D'Ada*'s aſſiſting the late King *James* in all his Affairs, as Cardinal *Mazarine* did *Lewis* XIII. of *France*.

*Obſ.* So, *Roger*, I don't wonder at your Courage, ſince your Party grows ſo formidable.

*Countrym.* Formidable indeed, Maſter, if you knew all! 8. We are ſure of all the Nightwalkers, out of gratitude to Dr. *Sacheverel*, who bleſs'd the World with the happy Diſcovery, *That the Societies of Reformation are the Devil's Privy Counſellors:* And, 9. for our *Sodomites*, you may be ſure they will all vote for the Intereſt of Spiritual *Sodom*; eſpecially if they have the Direction of ſuch Juſtices of Peace, as commit their Accuſers, and let themſelves go free. But what's more ſtill, we ſhall, 10. have every one of the Clergy who preach up Paſſive Obedience and Hereditary Right, and yet thank God on the 5th of *November* for bringing over the Prince of *Orange* to deliver us from Popiſh Tyranny and Arbitrary Power, and making all Oppoſition fall before him, till he became our King and Governor. 11. We ſhall not fail of one of them, who abjure the Pretender's Legal Right, but keep a mental Reſervation for that which they call Divine and Hereditary. And, 12. there's not one Soul that ever drank *Sorrel*'s Health, or of the young ſmirk Divines that drink the Pretender's, and ſtab King *William*'s Pictures at the ſame time, but will vote for us.

*Obſ.* A goodly Company indeed, *Roger!* Have you any more ſuch?

*Countrym.* More, Maſter! Ay, and a great many too. 14. We ſhall have all the Readers as far as *Stratford* on *Bow*, that bleſs'd God for diſplaying his Glory, when the Mob began to inſult the Members of both Houſes in the Streets, and to burn and pull down Meeting-Houſes. 15. We ſhall have all the Clergymen as far as *Ratcliff-Highway*, &c. that make their Wives kiſs their Cats arſes: And, 16. all the Select Veſtrymen and Churchwardens that beſtow the Poor's Mony upon Strumpets: And, 17. we won't bate you one of thoſe who try'd their Cocks on Sundays, that they might be ſure Cock *Sacheverel* ſhould beat Cock *Burgeſs*: And, 18. we ſhall not want one man of thoſe who debauch'd the Wenches in the Church-Porches, and on the Tombs at *Cirenceſter*; nor who drank the Pretender's Health, when he came to claim his Hereditary Right. 19. I am ſure we can't miſs one of thoſe Papiſts who attended *Sacheverel* in his Country-Parades, and were for paſting up Sham-Papers on the Church-Doors, to ſet Churchmen and Diſſenters together by the ears: And, 20. all thoſe who would not be marry'd till *Sacheverel* hallow'd their Brides, nor have their Children baptiz'd till the High-Church Champion came to lift their Bantlings under its Banner; will certainly vote for us.

*Obſ.* Will you never have done with your High-Church Legions, *Roger?* Prithee ſend ſome of them to *Spain*, ſince you have ſo many to ſpare: the Duke of *Anjou* wants them, and will give them good Pay; eſpecially if they come headed by the Pretender. They would be the fitteſt People of the world to fight againſt *Staremberg* and *Stanhope*.

*Countrym.* Nay, hold there, Maſter! Charity begins at home. We want their Aſſiſtance here: They will do the *French* King and his Grandſon more ſervice in *Great Britain* than they can do abroad.

*Obſ.* Well, *Roger*, is that all your Scheme?

*Countrym.* No, Maſter: 21. We are ſure of all thoſe who addreſs'd againſt the laſt Parliament, and in defence of *Sacheverel*'s Doctrine. There's not a Man of 'em dare fail us on pain of being hang'd by the Law, and damn'd by the Goſpel. We deſign alſo to ſend Circular Letters, 1. To all the Politicians and Lawyers to vote for us, becauſe we have found a way to eaſe 'em of their tedious Schemes and long Studies, by reſolving all into *the Will of the Prince*. 2. To all the Laborious and Learned Judges, becauſe we are for an eaſy way to determine Cauſes, as in the days of yore, by a Word from Court. 3. To all Counſellors and Attorneys, becauſe they need not ſtudy the Cauſes of their Clients any further, than to know whether they be Whigs or Tories. 4. To all that are like to be Jury Men, becauſe this will make as much for their Eaſe. 5. To all Clergymen, becauſe they need not ſtudy till they grow pale and wrinkled, but only read ſome Libels againſt Low-Churchmen and Diſſenters; tell the People 'tis the Doctrine of the Church, and that they muſt believe as ſhe does on pain of Damnation. 6. To all Freeholders, to petition that they may be eas'd of the Toil and Expence of Elections; for there can be no need of Parliaments, where Princes are not oblig'd to keep Laws, nor to be reſiſted if they break them. 7. To all Phyſicians, becauſe the High-Church Scheme will ſhorten their Pains and Study, and leave them no other Diſtempers to cure, but Hunger, Cold, and Nakedneſs. 8. To all Butchers, that they may petition to be admitted on Juries, ſince there will be no occaſion to kill Cattel; for thoſe who live under a *French* Government, muſt not eat groſs Meat, but Roots, Herbs, and Kickſhaws.

*Obſ.* Your Bill of Fare has ſurfeited me, *Roger*: Prithee let's have no more on't at preſent.

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